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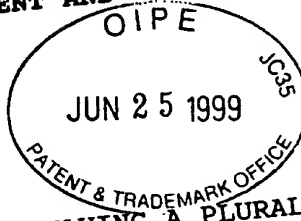
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For:

A COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A PLURALITY OF
COMPUTERS EACH PROVIDING A SHARED STORAGE
ACCESS PROCESSING MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING
LOCAL/REMOTE ACCESS TO SHARED STORAGE DEVICES
(Amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of
the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 2-17 as follows:

2. In a computer system having a plurality of computers
connected to each other and a plurality of shared memory
devices, each of said plurality of shared memory devices being
coupled to one of said plurality of shared memory devices being
plurality of computers comprising:
a processor for issuing a request to said plurality
of shared memory devices; and

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